

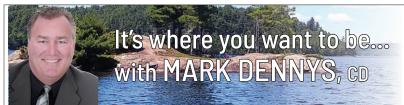


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### 'lt's a family thing'

The 7th annual Haliburton Powerboat Races took place over the weekend on Head Lake, featuring dozens of racers, including three local competitors, as boats ripped-roared under perfect weather conditions. Haliburton's very own Tammy Everitt, racing in boat 34, was among this year's competitors, saying it was special for her to race in front of a hometown crowd. "It's an honour to race here this weekend," Everitt said following her Sunday morning heat. "My dad was a racer, so racing here it's a real honour to do this. It's a family thing." The roster of local racers this year also included siblings Wesley Hammond and Andrea Hammond. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo, photo submitted by Cody Evans

## Eighth annual Pride Week underway in the Highlands

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

The eighth annual Minden Pride Week kicked off Monday, Aug. 21 with the flag raising at the Minden Municipal Parking Lot. There are events running throughout the week to help promote diversity and inclusivity throughout the county and the Pride Committee is still on the lookout for more helping hands to ensure the events run smoothly.

Allan Guinan, chair of the Minden Pride Committee, believes in the ideals this week promotes and looks forward to seeing them in action throughout the community.

"For everyone involved with Minden Pride, the [goals of the week] are to help support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, but also the importance of demonstrating diversity and inclusivity," Guinan said.

However, the week has not been without its challenges as an increase in hate has been seen across Canada. David Rankin, a member of Minden Pride, outlined the group's concerns.

"There has been an increase in hate in the community, and we are interested in promoting and counteracting the hate. We are trying to promote a positive space. This is why we picked 'love is love is love' for this year's theme," he said.

One primary challenge in organizing

this week's events has been the continual need for volunteers. As the week's festivities increase year after year, the group needs more volunteers to help ensure the events run smoothly. It isn't too late to volunteer or attend this week's festivities, as they have a number of options each day for people of all ages. There are a number of jobs volunteers can help with at each of the events running throughout the week.

#### **Tuesday:**

Drag Storytime: Join Auntie Plum at the Minden Public Library at 3 p.m. and learn

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Those who attended the Minden Pride Week Flag Raising ceremony on Monday, Aug. 21 were decked out in bright colours to kick of the week's celebrations. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

# A look into this week's lineup

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about including everyone in our lives.

Meet and Greet: From 5 to 9 p.m. at Bonnie View Inn join the Minden Pride Community to reconnect in a beautiful setting.

### Wednesday:

Youth Pride Breakfast: Visit the Youth Wellness Hub from 9 to 12 a.m. for a delicious breakfast in an inclusive, welcoming environment. Join in the games and activities and pick your pronoun pin while socializing with the local community.

Queer Hip Hop Dance Class: Learn some dance moves at the Wellness Hub at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday:

Drag Storytime: Join Auntie Plum at the Haliburton Public Library at 3 p.m. to learn about embracing inclusivity.

Queer Trivia Night: Join Minden Pride at 6:30 p.m. at the Dominion Hotel for an evening of 2SLGBTQIA+ themed trivia.

Outdoor Movie Show: Bring your blanket and lawn chair and snuggle up to a screening of a 13+ 2SLGBT-QIA+ film. Volunteers can help with set up, take down, and selling of event tickets.

### Friday:

Comedy Night: 7 p.m. at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride enjoy a night of laughter with hilarious queer comedians. 19+ event. Tickets are \$20 and available on the Minden Pride website or at the door. Volunteers can help take photos and take down equipment.

#### Saturday:

Divas Dance Party: Starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion, join pop artist Dani Doucette headlining a night of music, drag, and dancing. Tickets are available for \$30 through the Minden Pride website or at the door. Volunteers can join in the festivities as they help with photos, decorations, take down, and much more.

### **Sunday:**

Minden Pride Streetfest and River Float: Starting at 11 a.m. check out the over 20 vendors, kids games, face painting, and more on Water Street. From 12-1:30 p.m. join the river parade as you launch a floatie down the river ending at the Streetfest. End the afternoon with a wrap party at Boshkung Social with DJ and the Proud Brew on tap. Volunteers are needed for a large number of different components of the day!

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering at any of the events, reach out to volunteer@mindenpride.ca. To learn more about the individual events, purchase tickets, or read about the work of Minden Pride, check out their website at www.mindenpride.ca.

## Impossible Dream to Reality: 20 Years of Canoe FM

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

Twenty years ago, Impossible Dreams was the very first song that soared through the airwaves of Haliburton County, a fitting tribute to what felt to many like their own impossible dream: a community radio station here in Haliburton County. With their 20th Anniversary coming up on Sept. 26 Canoe FM looks back at how far they have come and how much the community has grown in those twenty years.

On-Air host and chair of the Board of Directors Paul Vorvis reflected on how much work and determination it took for the group he referred to as the Founding Fathers to create what exists today.

"There was no radio station here, and a group of people – some of them with some broadcast experience, retired people, cottagers, permanent people – they just got together and said 'this community needs a radio station. Let's do it,'" said Vorvis.

The manager of Canoe FM Roxanne Casey was similarly impressed with what the founders were able to achieve.

"They had to go to the community and had to raise about \$100,000 to start, and they were able to do that. I've got a list of all the people that sponsored the station in the very beginning. There were so many people that filled out support documents saying that they would support a community radio station in Haliburton County, and here we are 20 years later," said Casey.

Canoe FM has many projects in the works to help celebrate their 20 years serving the community. One of the most notable initiatives is the Memory Project: recordings from volunteers and those who helped create the radio station twenty years ago. The initiative was created in order to help preserve the memories and history of these notable community members.

One of the reasons why we decided to do the memory project is because we realized that many of our founders have either passed on or are getting quite aged. Once their memories are gone. They are gone," said Varvis.

These recordings will be aired for their Anniversary, and Canoe FM plans to replay them on air and preserve them on their website to honour the memories shared with them.

Looking back on their time with Canoe FM, both Roxanne Casey and Paul Vorvis reflected on how much has changed since its inception.

"In the very beginning, everything was done manually. You would go into the broadcaster and you knew you had to find everything in the system. Now everything is automated so everything is [recorded] and in there. Everything was on cds, so somebody had to be there to put the cd in. I think that change in auto-

mation was huge," said Casey.

Along with changes in technology, the pandemic revolutionized the way many people listen to the radio. With new advances in broadcasting and more and more people listening from home, the small community station became international.

"[The pandemic] coincided a lot with the explosion of devices. A lot of people who used to come to the county as cottagers or visitors, they listened to Canoe FM, and they're now going home and listening to us back home. We get people who are on holidays or traveling and they encounter people in foreign countries. We had people in Australia playing Bingo. One of our on-air hosts was in Portugal and was talking to people there. It ended up that they were listeners to Canoe FM and were listening in Portugal. We have gone from this little station that could to this international presence," said Vorvis.

However, both Vorvis and Casey appreciate how much the support of the community has allowed them to grow and develop over time.

"Over the years, people have appreciated Canoe so much that they have given back to us ... and all of those proceeds have allowed us to improve and increase our capability. As we grow our capacities then that gives the capability of giving more back to the community, so it is very symbiotic," said Vorvis.

Canoe FM gives back to the community through the support of local businesses and organizations, as well as new initiatives they have in the works. Their new recording studio is one such way they are working to support local talent.

One of our missions right from the very start is to promote local musicians' music. There is a lot of talent in Haliburton County, but they can't all afford to record their work and get it out there. We have set up a recording studio facility and that is a 20th anniversary project.



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> — Paul Vorvis, Canoe FM board of directors chair

Local artists can come in, and when we will help them produce their music and even distribute their music, then we play their music as well," said Vorvis. Looking to the future, Casey and Vor-

vis are thankful for the volunteers that have brought them this far, and eager to see what the future may bring. "That's why we are celebrating our 20th anniversary – because of all of this history and background and pride that we have in what we do," said Vorvis.

At 20 years young, Canoe FM and the greater community are excited to see what the future will bring to this little station that could. To learn more about the work of Canoe FM or to inquire about volunteering, check out their website at canoefm.com.





### Leaping to success

Evan Backus, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student who recently won silver at OFSAA in the 300m hurdles event, fourth from left, was congratulated by former track and field OFSAA Red Hawk athletes Kate Campbell, second from left, and Matt Duchene, second from right, who also placed in their respective events when they attended HHSS. The athletes are pictured with their coaches Paul Morissette, Karen Gervais, and Walter Tose on the HHSS Gary Brohman field on Friday, Aug. 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



### A day at the races

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## IB&O trail bridge could be replaced by November, says mayor

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club has lost an important trail because of a bridge's closure, and members aren't happy with the pace of rectifying the

The IB&O Trail has been closed because of the condition of the bridge west of Farr Road in Highlands East. The IB&O multi-use trail was once a section of the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa railway. It's a relatively flat 5.5-kilometres.

And Jon Cumming, the club's president and a director with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, tried to impress upon Highlands East council Aug. 8 the importance of resolving the bridge problem before the

He said the recreational snowmobiling industry injects about \$3-billion into Ontario's economy each year. That's due to the fact that snowmobilers avail of goods and services wherever they travel.

And that includes those who add the wooded thoroughfares in and around Highlands East to their travel itinerary, he said.

"Local riders look to ride in loops and include services in their route plan," Cumming said. "Tourists that are travelling from place to place across the province need ... even more services like even restaurants and accom-

The loss of the IB&O Trail has created a break in the

trail network, which hinders the Paudash club as well as the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and other clubs. It also affects people who ride the trails in

Nearby Wilberforce is a travel hub for snowmobilers and other trail riders. They can get food and fuel and other necessities there.

But the break in the trail system has essentially marooned Wilberforce, Cumming said.

"Snowmobilers have lost access to it from the west," he said.

The closure has also complicated the club's trail grooming efforts. And an alternate route to condition the trails is prohibitively expensive.

The problem with the bridge started in the spring of 2021 when the Highlands East Trails Committee identified a problem.

Council approval was given in July 2021 for the bridge to be inspected.

"Then things kind of went quiet for a little while and the inspection didn't happen until April 2022," he said.

Highlands East council got an inspection report in September 2022 and the decision was made to close the bridge to all traffic.

"From our perspective, this process has been ongoing for over two years and we still don't really have a good sense that anything concrete is going to happen," he said. 'And time is ticking away.'

Paudash members continue to work with the original engineer who did the initial inspection. They continue to research bridge solutions. And the provincial snowmobile federation's District 2 has offered financial help to fix the bridge.

Cumming said there's even been an effort to look around the trail network for a suitable bridge that can be repurposed for the piece of trail west of Farr Road.

"So here we are today ... and we are really concerned about the pace at which this project has proceeded with what appears to be large time gaps and occasional sidesteps to move this time to completion," he said. "We really want to be part of the solution.

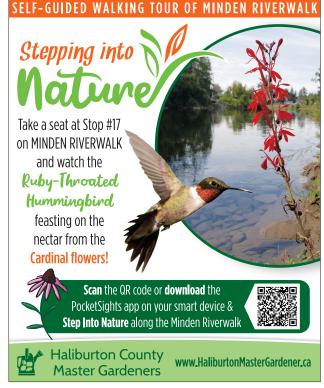
Todd Watling, a club member and a Highlands East businessman, said he's heard many concerns from the community about the bridge and the trail closure. He said there's been about a dozen queries a week about it.

The financial impact from the trail closure has been significant, he said.

Mayor Dave Burton said council has meetings scheduled with various user groups of the trail. Council also has some price quotes on a replacement bridge

"My goal is to certainly have the bridge in place," Burton said. "And I'm hoping that, if we can work together, by November at the latest it will be in place."

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) hosted their annual Radiothon with Moose FM on Aug. 17 and 18, raising a total of \$33,231 for HHHS' Community Support Services transportation needs. Pictured are Rick Lowes, Moose FM broadcaster and HHHSF executive director Melanie Klodt-Wong. /DAVID **ZILSTRA Staff** 





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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir



Sunrise on Kashagawigamog Lake.

By Jill Moulton

### Make love louder

RE WE going back in time? I'm wondering why there's still a constant battle between love and hate.

This year's Minden Pride committee has worked tirelessly to create a week of events promoting only love and inclusivity.

What they've received in return are messages and acts of hate.

It's 2023. It's unimaginable and inexcusable.

And unfortunately, this isn't the first time for our area.

Minden Pride was actually founded in retaliation to local homopho-

bic vandalism and the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida in 2016.

Their goal is "to provide an opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies to celebrate our culture, heritage and diversity by nurturing a safe community for 2SLGBTQ+ people of all ages. An annual week-long festival in August celebrates the diversity of Haliburton County's commu-

nity, and helps promote the organization's message of dignity, respect and inclusivity.'

This week, the organization has 13 carefully-planned events to carry out their mission.

But chair Allan Guinan says sales for ticketed events are down.

The committee suspects part of the reason is because of recent bigotry toward Minden Pride on social media as well as in-person comments and vandalism to Pride materials

"I am concerned not only with the success of Minden Pride this year, but also the security," Guinan said in an

Guinan said their banner across the bridge in downtown Minden has been taken down and submerged in the Gull, and some of their Pride flags have gone missing.

This is beyond disappointing. On one hand, one might almost wish that this kind of hostility was only happening here and that the rest of the world is further along than our community. On the other, it would be heartbreaking if hate was more prevalent in our hometown. In reality, it's clear this happens throughout the

The whole world has a lot of prejudice to overcome, and it exists everywhere. It's intergenerational, and needs to end here and now.

There's simply no reason for any-

one to feel unsafe where they live, ever, especially over the promotion of love.

A safe place shouldn't exist "somewhere over the rainbow" for the 2SLG-BTQ+ community.

Minden Pride's goal is to hold that space in Haliburton County, and for that space to be infiltrated by those with ill intentions is inexcusable.

There will be an OPP presence at a number of

events this week for safety. I will never understand the kind of hate it takes to attempt to sabotage this event, but what we can do is make love louder.

Attend this week's events. Buy tickets. Bring your friends and family.

The full lineup of Minden Pride festivities can be found at www.mindenpride.ca/events.

"After seven successful years of Pride in the Haliburton Highlands, and becoming one of the largest festivals in the county bringing out many to celebrate diversity and inclusivity, we need as much support as we can get to make this year a success again and show that hatred and negativity has no place in Haliburton," Guinan

## What a bunch of garbage

Down

sharon

lynch

THERE ARE times when summer camping is not for the faint of heart. So Jake thought as he followed his son through the bush. It was a wickedly hot day, and Jake kept blinking to push the sweat from his eyes. The two men were walking into their campsite in one of the provincial parks. The site was located at the top of a hiking trail and with a full backpack and high humidity, it was proving to be a real workout for the older

guy.
What also made the climb a bit of an adventure was the lack of clear signs directing them to their spot. Sometimes it was just guesswork as to where the trail was. And making it even more exciting was the sun, moving closer to the horizon, with the end of the afternoon looming. Jake had visions of them wandering in circles in the dark if they didn't get to their destination before dark.

This wasn't the first out-of-the-way camping he and Mark had tried. However usually they paddled down rivers or across lakes in search of the perfect location. There were so many from which to choose, and to be honest, they had become a bit smug about their abilities to live close to nature. Even just for a long weekend.

So today they trudged onward, neither wanting to voice their trepidation that maybe, just maybe, they were going the wrong way. But it worked out in the end. They found the site and it was exactly what they liked. Located was a smooth rock shoreline, sparkling water and not another soul anywhere. And they still had time to pitch their tents and throw together their supper. Mark brought a chicken dish his wife had made and after a quick warm-up on the Coleman stove, the two starving men ate their comfortable fill. This particular site, while feeling

slightly remote, had an unexpected luxury. A real outhouse, just like they used to have at the cottage. It was

Jake's destination following supper. But he was in for a nasty surprise. Because as soon as he opened its door, he saw the garbage piled and pushed into it, reaching to the very top. Obviously an alternative needed to be found. A hole dug away from their site would have to suffice.

The rule at all campsites is to take your garbage with you when you leave. But some people only care about their own convenience and not about

the danger posed by garbage, especially this much, left for others to deal with. Of course, the big fear was animals especially bears - dropping by for a snack. They could only hope there would be no visitors once night fell. And there were none that night.

The next night both men were very tired after an active day of paddling and more hiking. Various trails started at different spots along the shoreline and they checked them

all out. Bringing their lunch and water with them, the men were able to make a day of it as they explored the area.

They almost collapsed into their sleeping bags following a late supper. In looking back on that evening, Jake wondered where their brains had been. Because when they retired for the night they left their food leftovers and packaging spread on the picnic

Sometime during the night Jake was awakened by sounds. Rustling and chattering poked into his dreams and for a moment all he could think of was Peeking out his tent he ized their meal-time mistake. Raccoons had come to feast. They were all over the table and on the ground beside it where the dishes and a few leftovers were scattered. It looked like a party.

Somewhat relieved, he clapped is hands and yelled, sending the animals off into the woods. Then he cleaned up the scene of their forgetfulness. Unfortunately it would probably take a helicopter to do the same for the outhouse.



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## points of view

## Playing chicken

"ERY FUNNY Jenn," I said.
"What are you talking about?" she replied. "Someone signed me up for the Chicken Farmers of Canada electronic newsletter, and I am pretty sure it was you," I said accusingly.

"Why would you think it was me?" she replied.

The answer was obvious.

You see, I have watched enough TV detective shows to know that when determining whether someone is guilty of a crime, the accuser must prove three things: motive, opportunity, and means.

Jenn and I have lived together for nearly 13 years, so she clearly has motive. She is also frequently on the Internet, so she has opportunity. And, lastly, sometimes she can be mean more than once.

Even so, she denied it. I might have believed her, if not for the fact that she seemed a little too delighted by the thought that someone signed me up for a newsletter

focused solely on chicken-farming.

steve galea

For the record, I am not, nor have I ever been, a chicken farmer. Nor have I ever been closely associated with the chicken farming industry. Sure, I have more than a passing interest in chicken feathers, but name me one normal person who doesn't?

Despite this, I am getting monthly emails from the Chicken Farmer's of Canada, presumably because Jenn signed me up for it.

I realize those of you who know Jenn are thinking she is not the kind of person who would ever do such a thing, while simul-

taneously knowing in your heart of hearts that I am the kind of person who would accidentally sign up for such a thing and be too stubborn to admit it. And you can go one

believing that too. It's highly plausible.
But, as Foghorn Leghorn is my witness, I did not acci-

dentally sign up for this one.

First off, I look horrible in a straw hat, rubber boots, and bib coveralls. Secondly, I can hardly get a dozen eggs in a carton home from the grocery store without breaking one.

I won't lie to you. It's not like I have never dreamed about living the glamourous life of a chicken farmer. I have a heart and soul.

In my younger days, I flirted with the idea of riding a horse and organizing a chicken drive. Call me a hopeless romantic, but I pictured me and a group of rough and tumble chicken hands driving a massive herd of Plymouth Rock hens for days across the open range from one chicken coop to a KFC, while fending off chicken rustlers and other ne'er do wells.

Sure, it would have been hard work – but it also would have been a life of adventure, filled with days when you'd have to lasso and brand skittish hens and try to stay on the backs of wild roosters until they are broken.

Of course, the Chicken Farmers of Canada newsletter doesn't mention this any of this. I suppose because they also know that there is a lot of fowl play in the chicken farming world. Chickens, after all, are the most consumed animal on the planet. That means a chicken farmer always must keep an eye out for hungry predatory animals, people dressed like Colonel Sanders, and desperate anglers who tie flies.

It is not an easy way to make a living. Even if you get your birds to market there are losses along the way. And, judging by the price of chicken in the grocery stores today, every loss can be costly. I would hazard to guess, in modern chicken farming, it's all fun and games until somebody loses a thigh.



### pic of the past

The construction of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 975, Haliburton, during 1951-52 is pictured. Much of the work was carried out by the members, among them long-time Orangemen Fred Neimann (1885-1967) at left and his son Emil Neimann (1909-1982) at right. The boy on the tricycle at left is unidentified. To the right is the original Haliburton Orange Lodge building, erected 1897-98 and torn down in 1952. The new Orange Hall served its members well. The main floor was the Lodge Room, but having a full finished basement, it allowed for general meeting space and a kitchen. During the 1950s, the basement also served as a classroom during a space shortage at the nearby Haliburton Public School. The Haliburton Orange Lodge was chartered in 1866, shortly after the arrival of the first settlers. It served the community well until closing down in 2000-2001. The Hall was sold to Terri Matthews who ran her dance studio from there. In 2009, she sold the building to Places for People, who renovated the premises to create living space. Our thanks to the late Don Johnston of Haliburton and Ardra Neimann of Oshawa for their information. Ard is the son of Emil and grandson of Fred. He was one of the pupils who attended class in the Orange Hall in the 1950s; the teacher would admonish him for sneaking upstairs to say hello to his Grandpa when he happened to be working on site. /Submitted by Steve Hill, Haliburton Highlands Museum

letters to the editor

### A comment on the 'Rose coloured glasses' editorial

To the Editor,

I love your editorials, especially your most recent one on the Barbie movie and "Rose coloured glasses". I agree we still have a long way to go, and recognizing it is a good first step. The irony that women in the US have more opportunities that most women in the world, but at the same time, no federally mandated paid maternity leave or control over their reproductive rights says it all. And just look at how women are vilified online in positions of authority. Why any woman would want to be a politician when you hear about the threats and danger they face shows me we still "have miles to go before I sleep."

> Jade Downey Haliburton

### Climate change council discussion

To the Editor,

Liust finished reading the article in the Aug. 8 issue of the Echo regarding the discussion about climate change between Kory McKay, climate change coordinator and Murray Fearrey, mayor of Dysart.

Mr. Fearrey is quoted as stating, "We're causing poverty sometimes here maybe when we're overdoing it." The "it" he refers to, I assume, is the Community Climate Action Plan, adopted by the County in June. I find his logic connecting poverty and climate change action difficult to follow. And then he stated that "... there's been climate change for 1,000 years here." Is he serious? The world is burning right now.

> **Sharon Lynch** Haliburton

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

## Land Trust seeks more Partners in Conservation for Highlands Corridor

**VIVIAN COLLINGS** 

Editor

The Highlands Corridor initiative is well underway for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), and they are seeking the collaboration of more landowners in the area.

The Corridor covers 100,000 hectares of Crown, private, and municipal land in Southern Haliburton County.

HHLT is aiming to have the Highlands Corridor be declared a Conservation Reserve under the provisions of provincial Crown land use designation to protect its wetlands, wildlife, and species at risk.

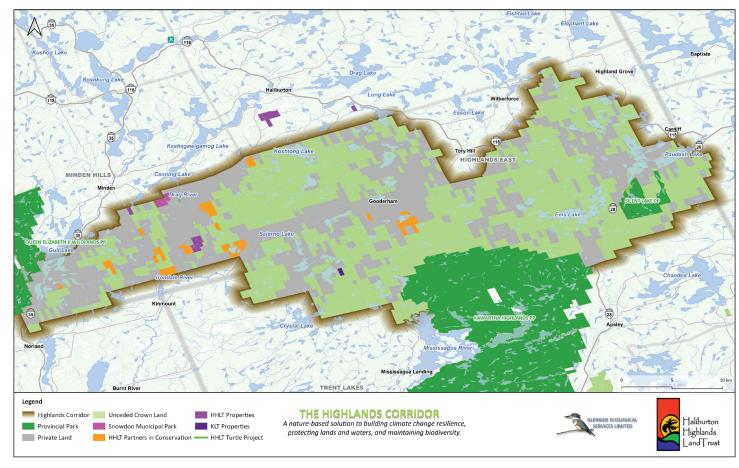
A reception at Queen's Park in June to speak with Ontario Minister of Environment David Piccini's staff was held, along with 80 other attendees, about naming the 60,000 hectares of Crown Land in the Corridor as a Conservation Reserve.

'We were very encouraged to see Prince Edward County designate Monarch Point as a conservation reserve, which I believe is the first one in a number of years. We're hoping that that's setting a trend," said Huw Morgan, member of the HHLT board of directors.

While working towards this goal, HHLT needs a little more help from those that own land within the Corridor

"The important part now is our Partners in Conservation program," Morgan said "A big portion of the Corridor is Crown Land, but there's a lot of private land as well."

Their Partners in Conservation program is part of the Ontario government's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.



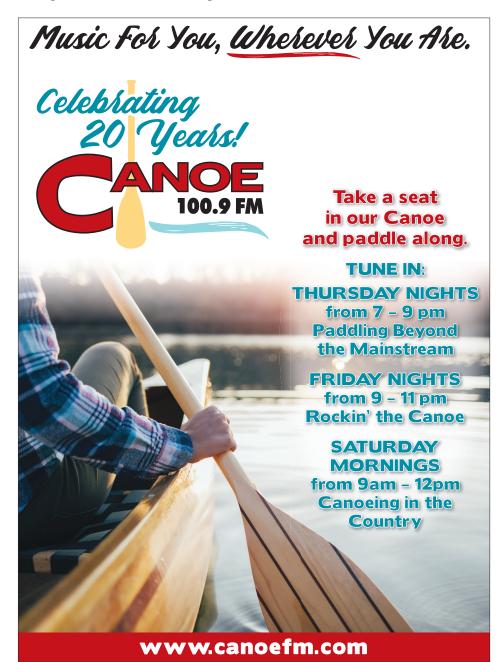
For more information on The Highlands Corridor see locally produced video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyExx2-ZnPl&t=3s or the Land Trust website at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Landowners who plan and follow an approved Managed Forest Plan on their property will be taxed 25 per cent of their regular municipal residential property tax

With the help of Paul Heaven, an HHLT biologist, five landowners can become Partners in Conservation and receive the reduced tax rate at this time.

'We get our biologist Paul Heaven to put together, in consultation with the landowner, a forest management program that goes through the government process, and if they qualify, they get property taxes, and the forest management program is of course what we're interested in because it conserves the property in its pristine form," Morgan said

For more information about HHLT's Partners in Conservation Program, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust. ca/2023/06/2023-partners-in-conservation-openings.





## Rotaract Haliburton Highlands fundraises to fill gaps in community

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands has been off to the races this summer fundraising for local initiatives across the county. With the recent success of the Highland Yard Race as well as a partnership with Nick Russell and Benton Brown at their music night at Hook, Line, and Sinker, all of the proceeds the group raises from their fundraising efforts help to fill in gaps in needs in the local com-

### **Highland Yard Race**

The 50th in-person Highland Yard Race was held on Sunday, Aug. 6, in Minden. As Rotaract's first year organizing the long-running race, it was a year of firsts for the organizing committee. The proceeds from the race support the organization Places for People, which provides low-income housing and support for the region. Rotaract's inaugural year raised over \$22,000 and the organizing committee felt positive about their first year running the longstanding

"I think it went really well. It helped having such a helpful group from past committees to guide us along the way and give us suggestions and more guidance, and we are all looking forward to seeing how we can make it evolve. We are in a really good place from where the last organizers left it, but we are interested to see what things we can add to it to make it an even bigger and better event," said organizing committee mem-



ber Natalia Brown.

With 183 racers for 2023, the Highland Yard Race helps support an integral cause in the community as a lack of affordable housing remains an important concern throughout the Highlands.

"It is a cause close to our hearts as Rotaract members, because it is a cause that is largely impacting people our age. There is a housing crisis, there is a lack of affordable housing, it is hard to get into the housing market. Across the board it is a hot button issue in this community, and there are people who are literally sleeping in cars or who can't afford or find housing. It is a really invisible issue here, and Places for People does a great job about trying to raise awareness about such an important cause," said Ashley McAllister, race director and Rotaract

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands looks forward to continuing the tradition in the years to come and seeing the Race continue to grow and develop within the community, allowing more opportunities to support the work of Places for People in the community.

### Music Night at Hook, Line, and Sinker

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, Rotaract joined forces with Nick Russell, Benton

Rotaractor Natalia Brown gets ready to start the Highland Yard race in Minden on Sunday, Aug. 7. /Photo by Brad Brown

Brown, and the restaurant Hook, Line, and Sinker at their recent music night. With Hook, Link, and Sinker staff accepting donations all day long, the partnership allowed Rotaract to not only raise \$240 but to spread awareness about the work they perform in the local commu-

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands has a number of initiatives offered throughout the year that allow them to work to fill in gaps in need in the community. One of the longest running initiatives is their Helping Hampers program, where they provide baskets of essential goods such as food, housing supplies, and school supplies tailored to the unique needs of each family.

"Any funds raised go directly toward purchasing necessary items like food, baby formula or diapers, toiletries, school supplies for kids, and more. At a time when the cost of living is so high, we hope to provide some relief to as many families or individuals as possible," said Vivian Collings, president of Rotaract Haliburton Highlands.

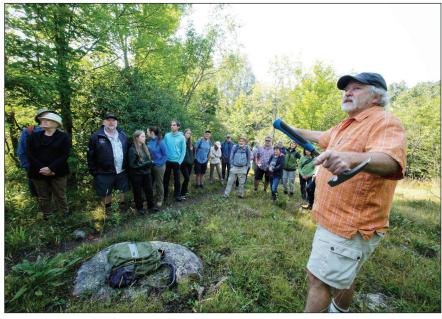
Rotaract Haliburton Highlands looks forward to returning the proceeds back to the community through their local initiatives, and the organization of young adults 18+ are always looking for more ways to get involved in the Highlands. To learn more about their work, to inquire about joining the organization, or to find out how to donate, email haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com.



### **Geology rocks**

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust hosted geologist John Etches on Saturday for an informative hike at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. About 40 people joined Etches for a hike through the reserve where the award-winning geologist explained the science behind why Barnum Creek is in the centre of the nature reserve. Sheila Ziman, of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, talks about the planned hike before introducing Etches. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo* 





Award-winning geologist John Etches explains the science behind the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve to a group of about 40 people who joined the education hike on Saturday morning.



Hikers make their way through a trail at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

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### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry
- 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments
- 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Wings
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Touches lightly
- 35. Stood back from
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity 39. Type of amine
- 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love 43. Without (French)
- 45. Vetch 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language
- 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party
- 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value
- 61. Hard, durable timbers

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body art
- 2. Middle East military title
- 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container

- 5. Speak incessantly
- 6. Relating to algae
- 7. Jacob \_\_\_, journalist 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat's cargo
- 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city
- 13. Scotland's longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials 30. A shot in a film production
- 31. Afflict in mind or body
- 33. A passage with access only at one
- 35. Breathing devices
- 36. Employ for wages 37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
- 39. Popular Boston song
- 42. Made amends
- 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 44. Atomic #18
- 46. With fireplace residue
- 48. Draw out
- 49. Southwestern Alaska island
- 50. Where the Pyramids are
- 51. People of Nigeria
- 52. Smaller quantity
- 53. Destroy the inside of
- 54. City
- 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
- 56. No (Scottish)

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### Humans of the Highlands

# **Community** is key to David Bishop

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

Sitting with his wife of 64 years in their home on the outskirts of town, the importance of community is clear to David and Phyllis Bishop, with their numerous photos on the wall and examples of lives lived serving the community. As David Bishop recounted countless stories of growing up and making a home in Haliburton since the wartime era, his love and passion for the region he has made his home is still clear today after 83 years.

First introduced to the area when he was a young boy, Bishop moved from the Niagara region to settle here in Haliburton at the age of one. Although he lived elsewhere in his youth, moving to Grimsby at around three years of age and living in Montreal until the end of the war, his family returned and added their history into the tapestry of the town.

"My mother bought what was then called the Highlander Hotel. That was located on the Main Street, in the position of Stedman's. The hotel was in such substantial disrepair. My mother worked to refurbish it and I was a main street young boy now," said Bishop, reflecting on this pivotal moment in his life.

As a main street boy, life as a child in the postwar era of Haliburton was very different than it is today. Bishop spoke about the freedom of being a young child with the whole of Haliburton as a play-

"As kids we would play together in the evenings. In the summer time you would lie on the ground and watch the night hawks swooping down and picking up mosquitos. We learned how to play nicky nine-doors and knock on doors and hide. I did a lot of fishing down at what

we called the railroad bridge," explained Bishop.

He described the freedom of using the entirety of the town as a playground, as he played on stacks of lumber at the mill, jumped on logs floating in the lake, and threw wild cucumbers with his friends behind Main Street.

The lake was often full of logs ... and if you fell in, you didn't want to go home with wet clothes, so you'd light a little bonfire and dry off your clothes. On the backside of Main Street there was a big sand embankment. It used to grow wild cucumbers. At the right season, you'd have wild cucumber fights, and boy they would be intense," Bishop said.

While the summers were spent outside, playing outside as late as possible and avoiding the town constable enforcing the curfew, the winters also had their share of fun and mischief.

You could go out on the village hill, pull [a sled] up the hill... and boy you would just fly. You'd see how far you could get on the main street. If the trucks were running, you'd get a pair of your brother's rubber boots, and you'd go out and hide behind the bush where the truck went by. When the truck went by, you'd run and grab a hold of the bumper, and you'd ski behind the truck as far as you could go. Sometimes you'd get a couple of miles outside of town," said Bishop.

Life as a child in postwar Haliburton, however, wasn't all fun and games. The horrors seen during the war made their impact on our small town, and as a young boy he remembered the importance of honouring the soldiers' sacrifices.

"A number of people were on the Dieppe raid and were in prisoner of war camps from the time of the Dieppe raid until the end of the war. It was very

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### Humans of the Highlands

## 'Service above self'

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important as a child that you knew who had served, and you knew what they had gone through. You don't know what those people did for you," said Bishop.

Although he spent some time growing up in Montreal, Haliburton was where he returned, making a life here and contributing to the growth and development of the town. Opening the first law firm in Haliburton, he described how it feels knowing you can serve the community

through providing a service.

"As a lawyer, if somebody comes to you for your assistance and service, it is an honour. You have to remember that as a lawyer, you produce nothing. You are providing a service, so you honour the trust that person has put in your hands and you get excited because a person you know has a connection to the area has brought that trust to you," he said.
As a lawyer, Bishop has supported

many individuals and businesses over his career. He described how it felt supporting people through everything from opening a bank account to buying and selling land, starting businesses, and supporting them through the death of family

"We did a lot of amazing things. I practiced law in Ireland, Denmark, other provinces, and it has been a worthwhile game. At the same time, always remembering that I was in Haliburton, West Guilford, Eagle Lake, Minden, Ingoldsby... those were part of the whole community. That's what I was trying to represent. That part must have come out of living here as a kid," Bishop said.

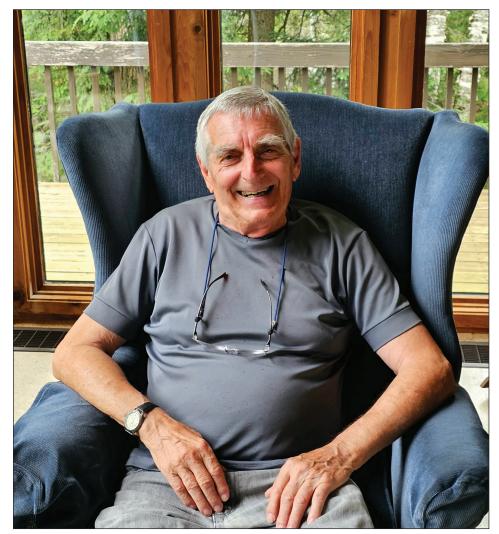
A community minded person above all, his work with Rotary helped cement his impact on the area. With Rotary, he served the community in as many ways as possible, being on the Board of Directors, president, Car Draw chairperson, and many more positions. Bishop reflected on the fun they used to have while working in the service of others.

"I always wanted to make Rotary fun. We started lobster night - the picnic baskets, where ladies would make up a picnic basket and we would go down to the park and bid on each other's baskets. The other one that was fun was bed races. You had to push a bed from [Victoria School] to [the Cenotaph]," said Bishop.
Reflecting on the changes he has seen

in his life, Bishop considered any advice he had for the youth living in Haliburton

"If you really think you like Haliburton, please get out for a while, go see something else, then if you want to come back, fine and dandy. It is an awfully big world. The only way to understand it is to go see it. Then, come back to Haliburton," said Bishop.

Although many things have changed within Haliburton, the passion and values that led Bishop to open Haliburton's first law firm, become President of Rotary, and live a community-minded life still exist and live on in our small community, and he encourages everyone to learn the stories and embrace what living in Haliburton County has to offer.



Haliburton local David Bishop grew up in the community during wartime and has since accomplished many achievements, including opening Haliburton's first law firm. /CHRISTINE







### (Applicant - MacDonald)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of Glamor Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

> Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 12, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-10843 made by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed April 6, 2023. (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

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Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 22nd day of August, 2023.

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## Remembering Earle Sisson

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

Although no longer a resident of our community, Guilford feels it has lost a beloved member in the passing of Earle Sisson, born and raised in the home of Shirley (Cooper) and Andy Sisson. Our deep sympathy to Louise and daughters Robin and Karen, whose vigilant care allowed Earle to remain at home for these last wearisome weeks of his life. Burial at St. Peter's Church cemetery

marked the end of a life lived happily in the local territory he loved so well.

Ás to personal news, George, Shireen and I attended the wedding on Aug. 5, of George and Shireen's youngest daughter, Melissa, to Bryan Roe in Halifax. The sun shone on the outdoor wedding where the groom's father, Eric, officiated. Pictures were snapped on the shaded lawn before reception which was widely attended by extended family and friends.

On Aug. 10, Miles and Marina Maughan and I attended the wonderful Gordon Lightfoot tribute concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Many thanks to Beth Johns for the careful attention to the box office needs throughout the festival season.

## Stories in the Park Fun Fair returning Aug. 30

**GAIL STETLER** 

Special to the Echo

Here we go and grow again! It's the fourth annual Haliburton and District Lions Club Stories in the Park Fun Fair! This free fun summer event for children and families is taking place on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from noon until 2 p.m. at Head Lake Park.

Come to play our fun fair games including bean bag toss, ladder ball or mini putt. And don't forget the fishpond, giant pick-up sticks and so many more.

There will be a new book for every child to take home, and our Story Tree is a special place to listen to a story throughout the fair. If you are at the Story Tree at 12:30 or 1 p.m. you will meet and share a story with this year's featured children's author, Irene Davidson Fisher who is excited to meet all the children and to read her books to them.

It's lunchtime, so a hot dog, drink, and popcorn are a must! Stop by the photo boards for fun photos of your children and pause at "What's Your Best Guess?" where the kids can guess how many candies are in the jars. New this year is the Paint a Story tent where our budding artists are sure to create beautiful paintings they can take home.

Community partners have become wonderful contributors to Stories in the Park as each group brings a unique activity and experience for the children. Returning this year will be the Haliburton Highlands OPP; Dysart Fire Department; Haliburton EMS; Haliburton Highlands Museum; Turtle Guardians; Ontario Early Years Centre; Haliburton County Public Library; Point in Time Centre for Children Youth and



Parents; SIRCH; and, Haliburton Muskoka Kawartha Children's Water Festival. New partners joining us will be Big Brothers Big Sisters Kawartha Lakes and Skyline

All in all, this will be a community event to remember and a wonderful service project for the Haliburton

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**Eagle Lake Community Church would** like to thank the following people for their contributions to the 85th anniversary celebration:



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### 580 ANNIVERSARY



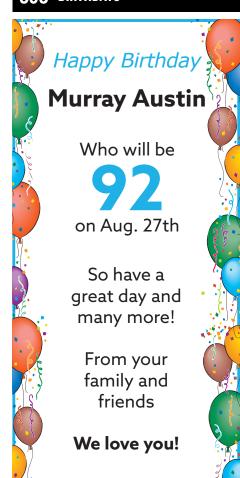
50 years ago, on August 25th 1973, in Newmarket Ontario, Jim McPhail and Gloria Swanson said, "I do".

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On behalf of their daughters, Leanne and Jennifer, and their grandchildren, Mariah, Dawson and Jaiden...

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### Paul-Roger Morin

A "Celebration of Life" for Paul-Roger Morin will be held at Wintergreen Maple on Saturday, August 26th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tributes at 2 p.m. Family and friends are welcome. Please bring a lawn chair.

Donations in Paul's honour to HHHS. You can call 705-286-3202 for more information.

(Wintergreen will be closed for retail and food service. Open again on Sunday, August 27th)

### **600** FUNERAL SERVICES



### 650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Susan Merritt Doan

Passed away after a yearlong battle with cancer at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at the age of 72.

Beloved wife of Scott, dear mother of Jamie and his wife Carrie, loving grandma to Eli. Dear sister of Joan Phillips.

A Private Family Interment will take place at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. A Celebration of Sue's Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) for Equipment would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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In Loving Memory of

### CLARK; Howard Gene

January 7, 1964 - August 14, 2023

It is with heavy hearts we share the sad news of the sudden passing of Howard Clark at home on Monday August 14, 2023.

He is survived by his daughter Emma, his parents Willa-Jean and Robert, his siblings Jane (Tim), Ted (Nora) and Ron (Susan), nephews Colin, Andrew, Ryan, Tyler and niece Melissa. He recently worked at Mars Canada. Howard is well known as a fun-loving friend, avid golfer, patient fisherman and loving father.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Thursday August 24, 2023 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Funeral service will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday August 25, 2023 at 11:00am followed by cremation. Donations to Toronto General Hospital or to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences or messages for the family may be left at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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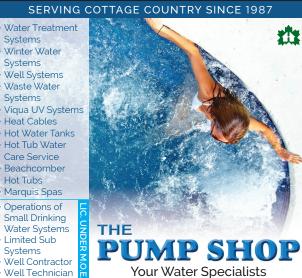
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Editor

The lights may forever fade to black in what surely must be the oldest movie theatre in Canada run by one family.

Although the Consky family has not made a formal decision to close the Molou, a venerable institution on Haliburton's main street for 67 years, it says outside forces are making it impossible to make

Sophisticated home entertainment systems, a fierce competition between various media for our free time, an aging building that needs extensive renovations and a movie distribution industry that makes it difficult for the independent operator

to make a buck are all contributing to the potential demise of what was once the entertainment hub of small town life.

Owner Molly Consky - who founded the theatre with her late husband Lou,

See Headline name page ??



### **Hurray for the Kinmount Fair**

As much as everyone hates to say goodbye to summer, there's no better send-off than fair are on page 20.

the Kinmount Fair, "the biggest little fair in Ontario." With its eclectic mix of midway rides, pioneer displays, agricultural competitions and grandstand entertainment, it attracts thousands of people - including these young revellers. More photos of the

## Goodbye to the summer that never was

**GREG HOEKSTRA** 

Staff Reporter

You could almost call it a recipe for

Unseasonably low temperatures mixed with unreasonably high gas prices. Thou- owner in cottage country.

sands of job losses to the south, a weak U.S. dollar deterring American visitors, and rain almost every weekend from May to mid-August.

All things considered, the summer of 2008 was a tough time to be a business

Burden, owner of the West Guilford Shopping Centre, has seen business at his country store - located en route to popular destinations such as Haliburton Forest and Kennisis Lake - improve steadily from one summer to the next.

Thatwas, of course, until the disappointing summer of 2008. Some are already dubbing it "the summer that never was."

When asked why he thinks sales were down this year, Burden doesn't hesitate to say it was the combination of soaring gas See Rain page 4



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